

The Watauga Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Hot days.

—Cool and pleasant nights.

—The finest corn-growing weather of the season.

—Atty. W. H. Bower has some valuable land advertised in this issue. Read it.

—Mrs. S. J. Parks, of Morganton, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Coffey in Boone.

—Wheat harvesting is now on in the county, and the crop is reported as being extra good.

—Mason's Fruit Jars at 90 cents per dozen and nice bacon at 6c. per pound at T. J. Coffey's & Bro.

—The weather has been unusually hot for some days, mercury rising as high as 92 in the shade.

—Rev. D. C. Harman gave us a pleasant call on Monday. He is one of our oldest and best posted ministers.

—Walter Council, is rapidly sinking, and the change is looked for at any time. His case, is indeed, a sad one.

—W. F. Shull, of Vaughtsville, Tenn., is spending a few days in the county visiting friends and relatives. Glad to see him.

—We are informed that the crowd of boarders at Blowing Rock is somewhat smaller now than usual at this season of the year.

—Call at W. F. Sherwood & Co's and get you some nice, fresh lemons at 2 for a nickel, and everything else at awfully low prices for cash.

—Just received a lot of Mason's Fruit Jars at \$1. per dozen, cash, also extra rubbers for same at 5 cts. per doz. W. F. Sherwood & Co.

—The Board of County Commissioners, will be in session next Monday, for the purpose of revising the tax books, hearing complaints, etc.

—Old Mrs. Gragg, mother-in-law of Rev. J. F. Davis, died at her home on Cove Creek on last Saturday and was buried Sunday at Brushy Fork.

—The telephone line has been completed from Boone to Blowing Rock. The phone for central office is at the Coffey Hotel. Other 'phones will be put in soon.

—Don't forget that you can dye all kinds of fibers, cotton, wool or silk at the same time, in the same vessel with Putnam Fadeless Dyes. Sold by J. A. Edmisten Blowing Rock.

—Charles Moody and J. S. Culler has taken the contract to finish the Methodist church by the first of August. The Quarterly Meeting is to be held in the new house the third Sunday in August.

—Mr. Geo. Pane, of Stony Fork, lost his dwelling by fire on last Saturday night. The house was unoccupied. The property was insured in the Farmers' Mutual, but to what amount we are not informed.

—There will be a school entertainment at Deerfield school house to-morrow night. The entertainment

will be given by Miss Jennie Matney's school, assisted by some of the young people of the community.

—Mr. Wm. Wallace, of the Wallace Bros. Co., of Statesville, has been in the county several days on a business trip and pleasure trip combined. He says his sales have been fine, being the best they have had in this section for quite awhile.

—Friend Harry Martin, of Lenoir, and Editor Clark, of the 'Quitman Quill,' published at Belin, Miss., were in town last week, and gave the DEMOCRAT a pleasant call. Mr. Clark is a nephew of Joe B. and Mack Clark, of our county, and is, indeed, quite a pleasant gentleman.

—Dave Dugger, of Brushy Fork, says that it is all a mis take about McKinley being elected. Here are some of his reasons: Every republican speaker, every republican paper and every republican voter told us that if Bryan was elected to the Presidency, times would grow worse; money would become scarcer and labor would be lower. These things have surely come to pass; therefore Bryan is President.

—We call attention to the advertisement of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in our issue to-day. This College has steadily advanced to the front rank, and its work has received the highest commendation from Harper's Magazine, The New York Forum and other eminent educational authorities. It is admitted to be one of the best institutions of learning in the South, and is doing a great work for North Carolina.

From Mast, N. C.

Editor Democrat:

As announced, our Democrat Contest came off Saturday night. Mr. Winkler had charge of the program. The contestants were all girls, and it is only justice to say they all did splendidly. The judges were Prof. Francum, A. C. Sherwood, and Mr. — of Tennessee. After much deliberation, it was decided that Miss Emma Mast was entitled to the medal.

Prof. Francum gave quite an eloquent address before the contest. He described the evils of the liquor traffic as no other man could. After the contest Prof. Swift made an impromptu speech showing that he is always ready to talk.

There will be a gold medal awarded right soon. Who will be the winner?

Miss Emma Mast is teaching a nice little school at Willowdale.

Misses Nannie Rivers and Maggie Coffey, of Boone, accompanied by Messrs C. H. Brannock and W. F. Crowder, came over Sunday to hear Mr. Monroe preach at the Presbyterian church.

There is quite an educational interest among our people. Prof. Francum will probably take charge of our Academy.

Mr. Holsclaw has not gone West yet, we trust he will not go.

The weather has been intensely hot for some days.

Crops are good, some wheat is cut.

CORRESPONDENT.

CASTORIA.

Is on every wagon.

From Butler, Tenn.

Editor Democrat.

Holly Spring College has closed for a season of rest. Prof. Hill has left our College and will build a school at Alentown.

Prof. and Mrs. D. D. Dougherty returned recently from Nashville, Tenn., they report quite a nice trip. Since their return they have moved to the cottage on college avenue. A happy life seems to be theirs.

Mr. D. J. Farthing seems to not be in a hurry to get home his business trip. It is thought the corn loader will be a great success.

Rev. Mr. Sherwood filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. B. B. Dougherty, of Boone, N. C., was seen on our streets recently.

CORRESPONDENT.

Commissioner's Court.

The County Commissioners met last Monday, there was not much business, consequently they remained in session only one day.

J. B. Johnson was elected County Superintendent.

The board of education elected—appointed—committees in each district. Whether men can be compelled to serve or not, is what we don't know. We trust, however, that everything will work out for the good of our boys and girls. For our part we have no children to educate, but if it is to the best interest of the county, we are willing to pay even an extra tax. This, it seems to us, is a debatable question, and we are not prepared to say what is for the best, with out more deliberation.

Prof. Francum turned over his books to Mr. Johnson cheerfully and with best feelings.

Prof. Francum feels or should feel, that he has served his country well and long, that he has done justice to all parties, creeds and sexes, and retires from public trust, honored with an unstained character as did Rev. I. W. Thomas.

Query:—Has the Board followed the instructions of the State Superintendent? If so they have done well, for Mr. Mebane gave them very proper advice, when he charged the Board to appoint men as school committee who have the proper interest in public schools and to elect a County Superintendent who was a professional teacher.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, colds and coughs is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Holsclaw's and Blackburn's.

In the injunction case to restrain Judge Russell and Zeb Vance Walser from bringing suit in the State courts to annul the 99 year lease of the North Carolina railroad, Judge Simonton has decided in favor of the railroad as was expected. The end of this trouble may not be over and we may look for more suits. We are not lawyer enough to say which is right Gov. Russell or Judge Simonton. We do know however that a 99 year lease on a railroad or

anything else amounts to a sale so far as the next few generations are concerned. Perhaps not a soul now living in North Carolina will live to see this 99 year lease expire.

In Feeble Health

Unable to do Her Work - Nervous and Tired - All These Troubles Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"For the past four years I have been in feeble health, and for two years past, owing to change of climate, I have not been able to do my work. I was nervous and had a tired feeling and was under the treatment of physicians, but I continually grew worse. My husband insisted on my trying Hood's Sarsaparilla and I finally consented, and began taking it the first of June, 1896. The first bottle did me so much good that I continued with it, and after taking four bottles and one bottle of Hood's Pills I am able to do my work, and the tired, nervous feeling is entirely cured." MRS. G. N. HOSEA, Sawance, Ga.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache, 25c.

A CUSTOMER

OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT!

DON'T FAIL

To ask your neighbor who has visited our store whether we give the most goods for the least money.

THE TRUTH

is what hurts our competitors. We don't carry "Cheap John" goods, but standard goods at Cheap John's prices.

Our increasing trade amid the hard times too well proves the merit of our business methods.

COME RIGHT ALONG

and be convinced. We have the store for the people and of the people.

Moretz & Farthing.

Come to See Me!

O—O

Yes, the old year is gone and the new one is here, and I am still here and hope to merit your confidence and trade during the year 1897 by

Fair and honest deals.

I shall endeavor to keep on hand such goods as you all may need, and at as low prices as I can possibly sell the same.

I shall, during the year try to keep a better assortment of goods than ever before.

do not expect to

KEEP "CHEAP JOHN SHODDY STUFF,"

but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. I ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of

Sugar,

Rice,

Soda,

Spice,

etc.

Also domestic, jeans, al-

lance, calicoes, cashmeres,

flannels, fancy dress goods

AND SHOES

I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats, Ladies untrimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of HARDWARE as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage.

Yours anxious to please,

WILL W. HOLSCLAW.

CANDY CATHARTIC
Cascarets
CURE CONSTIPATION
REGULATE THE LIVER
ALL DRUGGISTS
25¢ 50¢
ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the ideal laxative, never grip or scribe, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. 44. STEWART REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York, N.Y.

Are you coming to Town?

Do you expect to buy any goods while here?

If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND CLOTHING.

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH!!

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very Respectfully,

M. B. BLACKBURN

April 21.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO J. N. EDWARDS, ASST. TREAS. OF THE FARMERS' MUTUAL—VERY IMPORTANT TO DELINQUENTS.

Office of Reg. of Deeds Alleghany County, June 9, 1897. Mr. Jesse F. Hoskins, General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, Dear Sir:—Yours of the 5th inst. th hand and copy you will see in the to-day's "Star." Our friends are becoming, and will become, more reconciled to the workings of the association after reading your letter. Very truly, J. N. EDWARDS.

Summerfield, N. C., June 5, 1897. Mr. J. N. Edwards, Asst. Treas. of the Farmer's Mutual, Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of June 1st making inquiry relative to dissatisfaction of some of the stock-holders of the Farmer's Mutual. 1st. Because the assessment is considerably more than the P. C. Higgins loss. 2nd. If the Association is not going to force collections of delinquent dues, and why legal steps are not taken for those of last year, I have to say:

1st. they are most respectfully referred to the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting, when it was unanimously voted that the next assessment be made for at least fifty dollars more than the loss and estimated expenses, to pay any small loss, saving the expenses. The expense can not be ascertained until the bills for printing, postage, charges of treasurer and assistant treasurer and supervisors for services are rendered. For example, your very reasonable charge could not be known until the work was done. An itemized statement is made to stock-holders at every Annual Meeting and they are respectfully referred for the statement to the Treasurers reports, or the files of the Alleghany Star, in which paper they were published for mos.; showing to every fair-minded person that the Farmer's Mutual had no concealments to make, and that its advertisements were not of the "Patent Medicine" kind. The notices emphatically states that any balance, after payment of losses and expenses is left in the Treasury and cannot be drawn out except by order of the association.

The Wilkes and Alleghany associations closed business last year with a cash balance. Now as to the collection of delinquent dues; those who have paid their dues may rest easy, and those who owe them may make up their minds to either pay them or have a judgment lean upon their property causing it to be non-transferable. These judgments are negotiable assets carrying costs and interest until paid, thus making them the very safest investment for capitalists, for the policy contracts prima facie evidence of their being on real estate, and unincumbered land, and for such small amounts can not be afforded to remain a lean very long. This is the history of these judgments in other associations, doing business on the self same plan.

Transcripts of judgments will be placed in the hands of the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer who are authorized to receive payment and give receipts for the same. All parties interested are most respectfully urged to settle and save themselves cost and worry, and the undersigned the undersigned the unpleasant duty of collecting according to law.

Under its charter granted by the Legislature of N. C. each Branch is constituted a complete autonomy, possessing the right to enact By-Laws for its own government and empowered to 'sue or be sued.' The delinquents for last year were so few that it was thought best to wait until after the Second Annual Meeting and save expenses and time by collecting all together. But if any one, be he a delinquent or otherwise, thinks judgment will not be taken let him at once be undeceived.

Neither myself nor agents, at any time, handle the funds of the associations. I have organized and cannot be interested in making these assessments excessive. On the other hand, by reference to the 2nd and 3rd annual meetings of the Guilford, Forsyth and Stokes Associations in March, last, I donated for the coming year one-half of the premiums (on policies to be written) for contingent expenses and it will be observed that these associations are growing stronger and stronger as the years roll on, and the dead limbs are topped off. A good business is being done in these associations now, and \$500,000 to \$700,000 has been written up. As President Davidson said at the third annual meeting: "It is only a question of time until all the farm and isolated property will be written up."

Very respectfully, JESSE F. HOSKINS.